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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT MARCH 28, 2005, MEETING**

On March 28, 2005, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the February 28, 2005, meeting are attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item VI, the Chief Executive Officer reported a delay in the Federal Railroad Administration's issuance of an interim rule concerning railroad quiet zones. The proposed rule would allow the establishment of quiet zones where trains would not be permitted to sound their horns when crossing intersections. The interim rule was expected to be in place by April 2005 but now is expected in June 2005.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved an amendment to DMJM+Harris' design services contract for the Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation project. The amendment is for \$130,000 of additional design services and will bring the total contract value to \$3,130,577. The amendment will allow for enlargement of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's bridge abutments to provide for future construction of a second track. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority will be responsible for financing 100 percent of the design and associated construction costs of this amendment.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved the plans, specifications, and estimates for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation project and authorized ACE Construction Authority staff to solicit construction bids. Advertisement of this project is expected in July 2005. The construction contract cost is currently estimated to be \$31 million.

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Construction Authority Board voted to accept the Intelligent Roadway/Rail Interface Field Traffic Devices project as being satisfactorily complete pending the successful outcome of a final test planned for May 2005. The Intelligent Roadway/Rail Interface contract involved linking traffic signals to approaching trains to divert traffic around rail crossings, temporarily closed by passing trains.

Under Agenda Item X, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with First Southwest Company to add \$14,575 for services related to the procurement of a bank guarantee (line of credit) for the ACE Construction Authority's activities. The current amendment brings the total contract value to \$112,075.

Under Agenda Item XI, the ACE Construction Authority Board voted to "support if amended" State Senate Bill 760 (Lowenthal). Senate Bill 760 would impose a \$30 container fee at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The fee would be distributed as follows: one-third to the Ports to increase security, one-third to the Air Quality Management District to mitigate environmental pollution associated with commercial vehicle traffic to and from the Ports, and one-third to the California Transportation Commission to be used for rail/grade separation projects to relieve highway congestion. It was discussed that the bill should be amended for two-thirds of the fee to go to rail/grade separation projects because both the Air Quality Management District and the Ports have the ability to tax while agencies such as the ACE Construction Authority do not.

Under Agenda Item XII, the ACE Construction Authority Board voted to support Senate Bill 197 (Boxer) and House Resolution 603 (Watson), the Rail Crossing Safety Act. These bills direct the Secretary of Transportation to study the impact of blocked highway-railroad grade crossings on the ability of emergency responders to perform public safety and security duties. The secretary is to complete the study within one year. The secretary is to use the results to award grants to states and local agencies. Priority for the grants will be given to grade separations that would most improve public safety and are located on rail lines that have a high volume of goods movement.

The meeting was adjourned in the memory of Jack Phillips, the City of Industry's former representative to the ACE Construction Authority Board, who recently passed away.

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The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on April 25, 2005, at the Irwindale City Hall at 2 p.m.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
Executive Office



# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, March 28, 2005 - 2:00 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three- minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

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| I.    | Roll Call and Introductions  |             |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance   |             |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 28, 2005 meeting (Pages 1-3)   | Action      |
| IV.   | Public Comment   |             |
| V.    | Chairman's Remarks   | Information |
| VI.   | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-21)  | Information |
| VII.  | Approval of Contract Amendment for Design Services for the Ramona Blvd. Grade Separation with DMJM+Harris (Pages 22-23)                | Action      |
| VIII. | Approval of Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation (Pages 24-25)                                   | Action      |
| IX.   | Acceptance of IRRIS Field Traffic Devices and Close out of Contract with Dynalectric (Pages 26-27)                                     | Action      |
| X.    | Approval of Contract Amendment for Financial Advisory Services with First Southwest (formerly Arimax Financial Services) (Pages 28-29) | Action      |
| XI.   | Approval of Support of SB 760 (Lowenthal) Congestion Relief Legislation (Page 30)  | Action      |
| XII.  | Approval of Support of S.197 (Boxer) and HR 603 (Watson) Rail Crossing Safety Act (Page 31)  | Action      |
| XIII. | Adjournment  | Action      |

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 28, 2005  
Minutes**

Chairman Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on February 28, 2005 at 2:03 PM.

**1. In attendance were:**

Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte  
Michael Antonovich, LA County  
Ed Cortez, Pomona  
Ed Vasquez, Montebello  
Carol Herrera, SGVCOG  
Jeff Parriott, Industry  
Paul Eaton, Ex Officio, SANBAG

**Staff**

Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff  
Girish Roy, staff  
Bruce Armistead, staff  
Lou Cluster, staff

**Guests**

David Varnam, Congressman Miller's Office  
Bryce Bryden, County of LA  
Gary Neely, Assemblyman Bob Huff's Office

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Cortez led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of January 24, 2005.**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2005.

M/S/C: Antonovich/Cortez/Unanimous

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Gutierrez reported that member Jack Phillips was hospitalized in El Encanto hospital and extended wishes for a speedy recovery. He introduced Jeff Parriott, Industry Councilmember and alternate to Jack Phillips. Chairman Gutierrez reminded the Board of the upcoming legislative meetings scheduled

March 14 and 15 in Washington, DC. A joint congressional dinner with Foothill Transit, the SGVCOG and Metro Gold Line is scheduled for March 14th.

**6. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Rick Richmond referenced the key items on page 4 of the agenda. He provided an update on the status of Federal Reauthorization legislation and recent submittals for the FY '06 transportation appropriations process. He also indicated that Secretary Sunne Wright Mc Peak's Good Movements Action Plan was available. Lou Cluster, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos of the Nogales Street grade separation project. Mr. Cluster also reviewed recent photos of a fire training exercise held at a property acquired and scheduled for demolition for the Ramona Blvd. grade separation. He reported that this was held at the request of the LA County Fire department with 120 firefighters participating from 7 stations throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Bruce Armistead, Senior Project Manager provided a construction photo progress update for the East End Ave and Reservoir Street grade separation project. George Nomura, reviewed the highlights of the Bechtel/Korve program management activities.

**6. Approval of Amendment to Brea Canyon Road Design Services Contract During Construction with DMJM+Harris**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the additional design changes for the Brea Canyon Road design that included three utility relocation and right-of-way related issues. He indicated the City of Industry would pay for these costs. He indicated that DMJM+Harris was the designer of the project and would provide these services in addition to support services during construction, common practice on other projects. A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with DMJM+Harris to add \$456,500 for minor design revisions and support services during construction of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation for a new contract value of \$3,516,249.

M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Unanimous

**7. Approval of Amendment to Sunset Ave Design Services During Construction**

Rick Richmond gave an update on the proposed design of the Sunset Ave. grade separation project. Girish Roy reviewed the scope of services needed for design support during construction. A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with HNTB Corporation to add \$235,000 for design support during construction of the Sunset Avenue grade separation for a new contract value of \$3,785,000. M/S/C: Vasquez/Cortez/Unanimous

**8. Approval of Amendment to TCRP Application by City of Pico Rivera**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the request by the City of Pico Rivera to amend their

TCRP application. \$4.4 million would be moved from design to right-of-way and construction. He provided an overview of the available funding of the project. He noted that the SGVCOG Board would have to approve the request before forwarding to Caltrans.

M/S/C: Parriott/Herrera/Unanimous

#### **9. Position on State Legislation**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the background of Prop 42 and the history of the funds borrowed for state budget deficit purposes. This is important to the ACE Project because \$68 million in state funds previously committed (AB 2928) have been on hold and as a result delayed underpass construction in El Monte, Pomona, and Diamond Bar communities. There are a number of bills emerging that address preserving the intent of Prop 42 (e.g. ACA 4 (Plescia) and ACA 11 (Oropeza)). The Governor has recommended and the legislature has agreed in the past three years to the suspension of over \$5 billion in transportation funds be used to offset the state budget deficit. The Administration is proposing to suspend Prop 42 for two additional years and use the funds for deficit reduction. He noted that it is unclear this early in the legislative process which bill will ultimately be successful through the committees. A motion was made supporting the legislative principle of preserving Prop 42 by tightening or eliminating the current loophole.

M/S/C: Baldwin/Gutierrez/Unanimous

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

M/S/C: Cortez/Vasquez/Unanimous